

LPD Quarterly Newsletter

April 1st—June 30th 2021



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Mission Statement

The mission of the Lowell Police Department is to continue building and maintaining strong partnerships with the diverse communities of the city of Lowell. We strive to work with our community to reduce the incidence and fear of crime, and to ensure public safety. We will do this while working to improve the quality of life for the citizens of Lowell.

The Lowell Police Department is committed to the ideals of Community Policing. Those ideals are evident in programs such as the Citizens Police Academy, the Summer Student Police Academy, and the Citizen Advisory Committee. The Department's core values are integrity, respect, accountability, community, sanctity of life, and knowledge. Patrols are assigned by geographic sector, encouraging officers to become intimately associated with neighborhoods and their residents, better enabling them to fight and prevent crime.

Highlights

- ♦ The LPD recognized World Autism Awareness Day and National Peace Officers Memorial Day.
- ♦ Five new officers and K9 Mack joined the LPD.
- ♦ Seven Lowell Police Department personnel received a promotion.

Crime Statistics for April 1st—June 30th, 2021*

Crime	2020	2021	% Change
Aggravated Assault	55	54	-2%
Aggravated Assault - Domestic	40	47	18%
Burglary	61	45	-26%
Car Break-ins	50	68	36%
Disorderly	27	18	-33%
Robbery	20	13	-35%
Shoplifting	22	23	5%
Vandalism	101	117	16%
Total	376	385	2%

Firearms	2021
Recovered	21
Surrendered	16
Total	37

The LPD took 37 firearms off the streets between January 1, 2021 and June 30, 2021.

* Statistics are subject to change due to ongoing investigations.

World Autism Awareness Day

The LPD recognizes World Autism Awareness Day every year by participating in the Light It Up Blue campaign. On April 2nd, the LPD had police officers pull over to the side of the road and activate the lights in their cruisers for 60 seconds.

The Lowell Police Department implemented the Safe Watch Program in 2019. The LPD Safe Watch Program allows residents to enter information about their loved ones with a disability or another condition that can enhance the tendency to wander from safe environments. Information, such as physical characteristics or favorite locations, can then be used to immediately begin a search in the event that an individual goes missing. Those interested in the LPD Safe Watch Program can register their family members on the LPD website (<http://www.lowellma.gov/1264/Safe-Watch-Program>). In 2020, the LPD received the Reducing Injury and Death of Missing Individuals with Dementia and Developmental Disabilities Program grant from the Bureau of Justice Assistance. Funding will be used to implement a Project Lifesaver program in the City of Lowell. Please stay tuned for additional information.



Welcome to the LPD, K9 Mack!

K9 Mack is a 3-month-old black Labrador Retriever and has been assigned to Officer P. Robbins. K9 Mack will specialize in tracking for missing persons, article searches, and will also serve as a comfort dog.



Promotions

Congratulations to the following LPD personnel who were promoted on May 13, 2021:

Captain M. LeBlanc → Promoted to Permanent Deputy Superintendent

Lieutenant S. Gendreau → Promoted to Permanent Captain

Lieutenant D. Peaslee → Promoted to Permanent Captain

Sergeant J. Comtois → Promoted to Permanent Lieutenant

Sergeant J. Noone → Promoted to Permanent Lieutenant

Detective J. Burd → Promoted to Permanent Sergeant

Officer M. Marshall → Promoted to Permanent Sergeant



National Peace Officers Memorial Day

On May 13th, LPD Deputy Superintendent Golner and Officer A. Golner placed a wreath in front of the Christos G. Rouses Memorial in honor of Patrick F. Leavitt (EOW 12/18/1941), George F.A. Pearsall (EOW 4/24/1957), John Joseph Winn (EOW 5/3/1971), Christos G. Rouses (EOW 11/17/1978), and all other law enforcement officers who have lost their lives in the line of duty.



Five Officers Join the Department

The LPD would like to welcome Officer D. Bettencourt, Officer R. Joyce, Officer A. Spanos, Officer A. O'Connor, and Officer B. Calavritinos to the department.

